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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Weh, et al. ) Group Art Unit Unknown  
Appl. No. : Unknown )  
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For : FILLING CONNECTION FOR )  
A GAS CYLINDER VALVE )  
Examiner : Unknown )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, last paragraph, please delete the entire paragraph beginning with "This object ... dependent claims", and insert the following:

-This object is met by a filling connection having an actuating element and a discharge connection on the valve body of the gas cylinder valve, wherein in addition to the discharge connection a filling union is provided on the valve body. The filling union extends in its longitudinal direction, and actuating element are arranged opposite the discharge connection and at the side on the valve body. Preferred embodiments include having the discharge connection and the filling union arranged at right angles to one another on the valve body. Preferably the filling union is disposed vertically. Preferably a spring-biased check valve is fitted in the discharge connection and blocks in the filling direction. In a further preferred variation of the above combinations, the discharge connection and the filling union each open into a separate or a common through bore in the valve body. The discharge connection and filling union are preferably formed in one piece with the valve body, and the filling union is preferably fitted in

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